

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. When I was in college, the first thing we learned in Journalism 101 was that anti-trust laws were created specifically to prevent this kind of propaganda strong-arming.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Your job, as I see it, is to insist that station owners do NOT insert their personal opinions within the news.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.